

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
1416 Ninth Street  
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**PROJECT TITLE:** Wilder Ranch Sandhills Prescribed Burn

**COUNTY:** Santa Cruz

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Wilder Ranch State Park

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:**

The project will burn 84 acres of sandhills chaparral in order to perpetuate the unique vegetative and wildlife community found in this environment. A burn permit will be obtained from the Monterey Bay Air Pollution Control District and burning will be initiated on a designated burn day. Burn will be consistent with the Prescribed Burn Plan and its required environmental conditions. After the fire park staff will closely monitor exotic plant species and implement control strategies as needed to prevent substantial invasion. Fence post and other historic features will not be damaged; fence post will be cleared of brush and grass to prevent accidental burning. Project supports resource management.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Santa Cruz District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

X Categorical Exemption

Class: 4 Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:**

Project consists of minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature scenic trees except for forestry purposes and is included as "prescribed burns to restore native vegetation, reduce fuel loads, and control invasive exotic or alien species" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR Section 15300.4

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